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RIDE TO AIRPORT



How a murder convict is helping inmates learn music in their desolate detention at central prison

WHOLESOME PRISON BLUES

Music lessons have 120 inmates in attendance

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The music school at the Parappana Agrahara Central Prison is becoming quite popular among the inmates, especially those between 18 and 21 years of age.

The Bangalore Central Music School which started from scratch three years ago inside the central prison, in partnership with an NGO Peacemakers, now boasts 120 music students.

"At present, there are two batches — one for 18-21 years age group, and the other for those aged above 21," said BM Chandrashekhar (64) often referred to as 'master' or 'Chandru master'.

Chandrashekhar is the principal music teacher at the prison. "In jail, there are long hours of music lessons, free of cost, while it's expensive and minimum hours of teaching," he added.

Chandrashekhar was convicted for the murders of his wife and her female cousin over a domestic dispute at their flat in Girinagar in April 2013. In February 2021, he was sentenced to rigorous imprisonment of life and a fine of Rs 25,000.

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— BM Chandrashekhar, convict, musician

Bison under flyover

Wildlife-themed section made using recycled materials inspired by state's rich biodiversity



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Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike's Adopt-a-Flyover programme got a major fillip with the launch of Wild Arena — a wildlife-themed public space under the flyover at Veeranapalya on the Outer Ring Road, near Manyata Tech Park, on February 5, 2020.

Over the past two years, thousands of people have enjoyed the safe, secure and neat space under the flyover. The stretch will now have an additional 5,000 sq ft of space with a new bison-themed experience made using recycled materials, promising to be a major attraction.

There are four sections in the Manyata Tech Park flyover. Back in 2020, tiger and elephant motifs were added to a section of the stretch as part of the beautification. It was conceived and implemented as a CSR initiative by L&T Technology Services in association with India Rising Trust and the BBMP. The concept was taken from the film Wild Karnataka. Now the section of the underside of the flyover has been modified with Indian bison sculptures and will be open to the public soon.

"Karnataka has the largest concentration of elephants, tigers and bison anywhere in the world. Forests cover over 20% of Karnataka's land area, support over 25% of India's elephants and over 10% of the

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 It's play time!

Theatre workshop alert! Blr Creative Circus welcomes everyone between the ages of 13 and 17 to participate in this 5-day journey. Instructors Deepthi and Akash will facilitate a process that derives from their combined and individual experiences of working, performing, and training in the theatre and in the field of music. You need not have had prior theatre experience while applying to this workshop, though they equally welcome those who have worked in this field too. While the workshop will be facilitated in English, will be mindful of other communication needs as well.

Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, 12/2, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb
When: May 3 – 7, 10am to 1pm
Tickets: Rs 4,750, <https://linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus>



02 Fun galore

Get onboard with MAJA Express for a fun and memorable ride this summer! MAJA Express is a multi-sensory and immersive learning playground where children explore and experiment, with movement and theatre, along with arts and crafts. The workshop will focus on the interplay of story building, movement, theatre, music, rhythm, process art, craft skills, self-discovery, creative thinking and interpretation.

Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, 12/2, Yeswanthpur Industrial Suburb
When: Till April 29, 4pm – 6pm
Tickets: Rs 3,000, 9902474227

03 Susegad

The Gallery at Maya, a Slow Living Restaurant and Art Gallery in Jayanagar presents "Susegad" a collection of abstract paintings by Darpan Kaur, curated by Samira Sheth.



Susegad is a word synonymous with Goa, and it loosely translates to a relaxed pace, of going with the flow and living in the moment. This series pays homage to all of that. With rough textures and free marks, the artworks stand for the freedom to truly be yourself. They lead one to tranquillity and a sense of joy.

Where: Maya, Jayanagar, 5th Block
When: Till April 30, 12 pm – 11 pm
Contact: 7483871410 / 9731755535

Pandemic or not, they go for gold

Meet students of Bangalore University who successfully battled all odds during covid and are set to receive gold medals at convocation

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Covid, by and large, turned the life of students topsy-turvy. From shifting to an online mode of education and relying on technology, it was a new experience for all students. However, many – despite the odds – made the best of a difficult situation, and passed their exams with flying colours. For the students of Bangalore University, a special convocation will be held on April 29 where the students will be awarded gold medals in various subjects.

Sushma H from the Department of Chemistry received seven gold medals. "My passion towards the subject was the main driving force behind my success. Also, without the support of my parents and my teachers, I would not have been able to achieve this," said Sushma.

She said online lectures was a huge shift. "Initially it was very difficult to understand. But I did not lose my concentration and that helped me a lot."

Srinivasa S, Centre of Kannada studies received five gold medals. Hailing from Mulbagalu Taluk, G Vaddahalli village, he had to tackle a number of difficulties in his personal



From online classes to delays in exams, students have had a trying two years

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—Sureshbabu N, Department of Botany

life. He lost his mother at a very young age and his father is employed as a rock cutter. "It was financially quite difficult for me, but I was always interested in studying. I never took any money from my father because I did not want to put unnecessary pressure on him. I did everything with my scholarship money."

He faced frequent network issues while he attended online

classes, but he never gave up hope. "My teachers helped me a lot. I owe them my entire success. Without them, this would not have been possible."

Surabhi N, Department of Mathematics, won five gold medals. She said, "My family always wanted me to be a good teacher, so that encouraged me and helped me achieve this. My parents and my teachers helped me

a lot." The lockdown during covid was a difficult time for her as she had difficulty in understanding the concepts and formulas. However, her determination took her forward.

A native of Kolar, Sureshbabu N, Department of Botany, won five gold medals. "I concentrated to the maximum. During my fourth year, our classes were held online due to covid. It was difficult because I faced a lot of network issues, and I had difficulty concentrating as well. But my teachers were there to help me even after classes."

A mother of a six-month-old, Chandana R, Department of Zoology, received five gold medals. "I had always studied in Kannada, hence the shift to English was quite difficult. During my first year, the teachers helped me a lot and I was able to understand."

According to her, during covid, things got difficult again as online classes began. "There was no network for most of the time and there was also a lot of household chores. But because of my husband's help, I could achieve this."

In the undergraduate category, Muskan Khanam, St Anne's degree college, Department of BBA, won five gold medals. "I always made sure I submitted my assignments on time and was always up to date with the subject."

System delay: Varsity staff's pay stuck

Ever since the human resource management system (HRMS) system was introduced by the state government to control the salaries of teaching and non-teaching staff in universities, varsity management staff complain that their salaries have not been given on time. This time, employees say their dues for March were terribly delayed.

Earlier, universities disbursing the salaries of their employees had a certain amount of autonomy in appointments and in financial management. But since the online portal HRMS was introduced by the state government, salaries have been erratic on a few occasions.

According to the new system, the state government directly disburses the salaries to university's teaching and non-teaching employees.

Earlier the respective universities would disburse the salaries of the respective university teachers and non-teaching employees on



the last day of the month.

All India Universities Employees Association President MB Sajjan said, "State Government is centralising all the powers of the university as a part of the New Education Policy (NEP). The salaries are issued by the Government. Last month's pay was terribly delayed."

Sajjan explained further that every university has its own syndicate and they have to pass the orders; instead, now, universities have to request the government to clear the dues. "The Vice-Chancellor is no longer an

independent authority, instead, he became an officer in the government. We have requested government keep the autonomy of the universities intact. But now, the power is in the hands of the education minister. This will encourage more corruption."

A Professor at a University also spoke on similar lines. According to him, releasing salaries through HRMS made universities lose autonomy. "Universities must act independently. When government delays payments, universities suffer. NEP was also implemented without any preparation; students are spending more time in classes, but there is not adequate infrastructure and staff."

Now, the All-India University Employees Confederation has called for a state-wide protest on Thursday in the state to protest against the anti-education steps of the government. They want the authorities concerned to withdraw the HRMS system and release the salary for the month of March 2022.

—Prakash VL

Dry waste collectors overworked

In city's bigger wards, they have to spend over 8-10 hours at work: Study

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The workers of Dry Waste Collection Centre (DWCC) have been working for over eight hours per day, collecting garbage from bigger wards in the city, as per a study.

The time and motion study on dry-waste collection in the city conducted by Resource Organisation Collectives suggests that the BBMP should increase the number of helpers to increase efficiency and ensure timely collection of dry waste.

The study, conducted over a period of one month in three wards, observed that dry waste collectors were spending 8-10 hours collecting dry waste from up to 3,000 households. Roughly, they were spending 1.8-3.07 mins per lane to collect dry waste. The study concluded that within seven hours, they were only able to collect waste from 1,526 households, 1,341 households in 6 hours and 1,123 households in five hours. As per the study, dry waste collectors worked daily for 6 days a week. The study was conducted in three wards – Konanakunte, HSR Layout and HAL over a period of one month from October 2021 to November 2021.

Satya, a DWCC operator from Konanakunte ward told BM: "If we start at 5:30 am and can reach the collection area by 6 am, we can complete the first trip by 2 pm. After unloading the garbage, the second trip can be concluded by 6 pm and sometimes even extends to 7 pm. The area is huge and we are only permitted for three trucks. There is also a slight distance between the DWCC and the ward. It's roughly a combined trip of 16 km. We have been granted a day-off in a week on Sunday, but we tend to work on Sunday as well."

While citizens are not exactly aware of the timings, the ward-wise sporadic practices followed are known to most. While in some areas, they tend to work two times a week. In some areas, it's taken along with wet waste daily. A resident of Malleswaram said, "We hand over wet and dry waste separately, but the collectors are mixing it in their vehicles. Don't know if they separate it before dumping it on the big trucks."

Another resident from the area noted



Workers gather a pile of dry waste in Bengaluru (file picture)

“Disposal of dry waste has increased with many people working from home and ordering consumables online” —Amith Nigili, resident of Banaswadi

that both wet and dry waste was collected only three days a week. "These days, dry waste like paper, plastic and medical waste coming out of houses have drastically increased with more people working from home and ordering food or consumer goods online. Unfortunately, BBMP Solid Waste Management in Banaswadi Ward 27 still has a lot of restrictions on regularly collecting dry waste from the residents. Unfortunately, the dry waste collection centre in the Banaswadi Ward 27 has been closed for more than five years and is not being used as per its potential," said Amith Nigili, a resident of Banaswadi.

"The residents of Brookefield Layout sweep public roads in the area and collect leaves and road litter with the help of crowdsourced funding. We request the BBMP to collect the waste, but they fulfil only about 50 per cent of the requests," said

Arvind Keerthi, a resident of Brookefield Layout. "Wet waste is collected each day and dry on Wednesday and Saturday," said Nileshe Prabhu, a resident of Rajaji Nagar.

DWCCs are suggesting a couple of changes to the existing system. Based on the recommendations, a time and motion study was conducted to verify the results in each ward. The study assumes that for every 1,500 households and 250 small commercial establishments BBMP has allowed one per vehicle with every household generating 306 grams of dry waste. Each vehicle is capable of carrying 710 kg of dry waste in one trip. "We are suggesting that BBMP increase one helper to reduce time without increasing the number of vehicles. BBMP can either increase the number of vehicles or helpers," said Nalini Shekar, Co-founder of Hasiru Dala.

As per the study, with the addition of one helper, the door-to-door collection could be reduced to 4.75 hours with another 2.5 hours for sorting and arranging, travel to DWCC, and unloading time.

When BM approached BBMP Special Commissioner(SWM), Harish Kumar, he refused to comment on the study or its observations as it was never presented to him.



COVID CAN AFFECT ANYONE

THE CLAIMS

After a social media user uploaded a video claiming that the covid-19 virus doesn't affect healthy people, netizens have made the post viral. The video claims that people with high immunity have zero chances of contracting covid.



SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

The claim is false. Experts have rubbished the conspiracy theory and stated that covid affects people of all ages, including healthy people. Even though the adults, especially young adults have a better immune response to it and are less likely to have a serious impact of the disease, it doesn't nullify the chances of them having any complications, or worst-case scenario, death.

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91% land for Silk Board Metro acquired

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The Central Silk Board to Airport Terminal is one of the crucial links among the ongoing Metro projects. It not only connects many tech hubs (located all along the outer ring road), but also to the airport line. One of the key challenges for this project was land acquisition. BMRCCL sources say that 91.28 per cent of land required for 2A and 2B phases have been acquired. There will be 30 stations on the 58.19 km stretch.

The estimated cost for completing this stretch is Rs 14,788.10 crore.

According to BMRCCL, the phase 2B (airport line) is 38 km in length. Out of 2,23,655.72



sqm required for viaduct and stations, 2,15,616.24 sqm is acquired and 2,10,799.47 sqm is handed over to the engineering section.

The payment of compensation for the remaining area is under progress. Out of 23 acres of land required for de-

Record tunnelling

Tunnel boring machine 'Urja', which is currently tunnelling between Cantonment and Pottery Town stations, has achieved a progress of 27 m of tunnelling work in a single day on April 25. BMRCCL officials said that this is the fastest

pace at Shettigere, 18 acres is transferred by the State government and is handed over to the BMRCCL. As the remaining five acres of land was under litigation, BMRCCL had requested the government for transfer of 4-34 acre of land adjacent to 18 acres already granted for the depot. The BMRCCL is evaluating alternate options. So far, Rs 398.48 crore compensation is paid for phase-2A and Rs 1,512.14 crore for Phase-2B.

pace of tunnelling work in the City since Metro started tunnelling underground to facilitate the underground Metro works.

The Cantonment-Pottery town stretch is part of the Metro network that connects Bannerghatta Road to Nagawara.

Among the other stretches, the 3-km Reach-3C-Extension (Nagavara To Bangalore International Exhibition Centre), the acquisition for additional area of 1,885.11 sqm for providing road links to Chikkabidarakallu Metro Station from Anhepalya and other villages via Jindal-Prestige Layout has been set aside by the High Court.

Now, the builder has agreed to provide an approach road of 12-5 wide through its property.

TOP COMMENTS

Bicycle meter an excellent move

Commenting on our story – Bengaluru cycle lane to ride tech track for success – readers have double opinion on the installation of the first sensor-based bicycle counter in Doddanekundi that counts one ride at a time. Sham NV says it's an excellent move. Wishing the meter can reach 1,000 per hour, he says, adding that it just needs support from the traffic police to bar other two-wheelers from the lane. The BBMP will build cycling lanes across the city, Sham adds. Criticising the move, Pravin Sharan says cycle lanes with sensors will only divert resources. The BMTC needs to offer free public service bicycles to commuters if the eco-friendly two-wheeler has to be a solution.

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

Bengaluru-Mysuru highway to have helipad

Good news for B Khata holders

Bengaluru cycle lane to ride tech track for success

PLANE ESCAPE

Hundreds of passengers had a narrow escape on Tuesday after a Thailand national carrier flying from Bangkok to Bengaluru suffered a tyre burst while landing at the Kempegowda International Airport around 11.30 pm.

Sources said the ground crew alerted the pilot about the tyre blast and the pilot steered the plane towards a secure location.

Post the incident, consequently, the next leg of the flight from Bengaluru to Bangkok was disrupted and the passengers were kept waiting in the terminal.

"Shockingly the pilot was not aware of the burst in one of the tyres at the back. It was the ground crew at the Bengaluru airport who spotted the damage and alerted them. Luckily there was nothing untoward even during the landing process here," a senior airport officer revealed on the miraculous escape for the aircraft to TOI.

The flight was immediately towed to a secure location and the technical crew began inspections, TOI reported.

BIAL didn't comment on the passenger plight or the aircraft incident stating it doesn't fall under its purview, TOI reported.

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Koramangala waterway is 70 per cent complete

City's first waterway project to be inaugurated on Independence Day



The waterway (in pic) is being developed at a cost of Rs 175 crore

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Bengaluru's first waterway project at Koramangala is almost 70 per cent complete and may be inaugurated by August 15. The project was designed along the lines of the Sabarmati waterway in Gujarat at a cost of Rs 175 crore. It was launched by then Chief Minister BS Yediyurappa on March 25, 2021.

This project is being taken up by a private concessionaire on a build, operate and transfer basis. They will be responsible for its maintenance for the first five years. The entire waterway will have CCTV surveillance. There is also a proposal to build fountains. This project is a rejuvenation of the Rajakaluve from KR Market to Bellandur Lake. BBMP claimed both sides of the Rajakaluve will be remodelled like a European pathway.

According to BBMP officials, the

SWD details

- Area of sub-catchment: 32 sq km
- Number of micro watersheds: 32
- Largest micro watershed: 3.92 km
- Smallest micro watershed: 0.19 km
- Length of drain: 28.06 km
- Primary drain length: 11.4 km
- Secondary drain length: 16.6 km

works will include providing and remodelling of existing retaining walls at critical locations to facilitate the waterway project. This will be followed by the construction of a European pathway like Church street, cladding, polishing of existing concrete retaining wall including repair works to secondary, tertiary and road side drains. The existing bridges will be remodelled, including construction of composite arch bridges and culverts, development and re-engineering of adjacent service roads to

facilitate water projects with ornamental lighting.

As per this plan, the drains will be converted into spaces to hangout. It is proposed to change the outlook of the 20-km drain that passes via KR Market, Shantinagar, Hosur Road, Koramangala and culminates at Bellandur Road. Currently, the Rajakaluve sports a picture of neglect with sewage waste water, construction of debris and other waste making their way into the drain for several decades. In some places, the drains have been encroached. The city has four major SWDs including the Vrishabhavathi valley. As reported by BM earlier, urban planners and officials have promised solutions similar to Seoul (South Korea) with elements such as open space, walking and bicycling tracks and seating facilities besides adding greenery around the drain. The Koramangala valley has been chosen as BWSSB was about to complete a 150 MLD sewage treatment plant at Bellandur Lake.

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Traffic issue

Rajajinagar



This traffic police booth situated near the signal in 6th Block across Kundan Electronics is causing inconvenience to many.

Road block

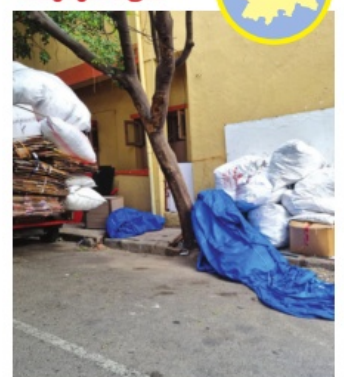
HBR Layout



This road was dug up by BWSSB three years ago and has not been fixed yet. It is very difficult to cross this section on 17th A Main in the 5th Block.

Scrap this

Rajajinagar



On 2nd Main in 2nd Stage, a store is dumping goods and scrap in a residential area on a daily basis. BBMP has been ignoring this, a reader wrote to BM.



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Won't impose tough covid restrictions as of now: CM

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While covid cases are going up slowly in the city, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday said there was no need to impose any tough restrictions 'as of now'.

Earlier, the CM had said that he would spell out a course of action after the PM's video conference. However, in the meeting with PM Modi on Wednesday, he advised Bommai that it was necessary to ensure the economy was functional.

"The PM said that the third wave was battled successfully with good vaccination coverage and precautionary measures. Hence, he asked us to follow the same method without affecting the economy much. There should not be any unnecessary restrictions," Bommai said.

He added that covid was under control in the state, although the positivity rate has seen a small rise in Bengaluru since April 9. "We will conduct 30,000 tests a day including 10,000 tests in Bengaluru."

For the last few weeks, the testing in the state was not



more than 5,000. However, during the peak of the third wave, Bengaluru alone used to conduct one lakh tests a day.

Random test

The state has also decided to conduct random tests and special surveillance on those who are international travellers. "We have 50,000 beds in government hospitals and one lakh beds in private hospitals. We have also decided to do a fire audit of all the hospitals to make them safe. We have sufficient oxygen storage of 1,220 metric tonnes of oxygen though we have decided to scale up oxygen capacity," he said.

However, despite a reassur-

ance by the CM, the state is leaving no stone unturned in preparations. In the wake of a potential fourth wave, BBMP is preparing the covid care centres (CCC). BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "We will keep CCCs on standby mode and activate them if necessary. There are 27 divisional level control rooms which are not functional now. If there is a requirement, it can be activated any time."

Gupta also added that it was too early to say whether there would be a fourth wave or not. "Symptomatic people should get tested first. I feel that everyone should wear masks. Marshals are being deployed to create awareness."

114 new covid cases in city; slight spike in positivity rate

Covid tally saw a slight rise in the city with 114 cases in Bengaluru out of the 126 new cases reported in Karnataka on Wednesday. There were zero casualties but covid positivity rate has slightly gone up.

BBMP chief commissioner Gaurav Gupta said, "All BBMP health centres are offering free vaccination with Covishield (18+ years), Covaxin (15+ years), Corbevax (12-14 yr group) for the first two doses only. Precautionary dose is available only for front line, health care workers and 60+ years at BBMP health centres for free. Others in the 18-59 years age group can get the precautionary dose at private hospitals at prefixed rate of Rs 386 a dose."

For kids

CM Bommai said that the State Government would be accelerating the vaccination for 6-12 age group. "The PM has asked us to accelerate precautionary doses. As of now, the state has a stock of 61 lakh vaccines." —BMB

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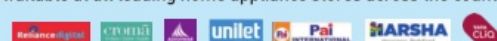
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Cop recruitment scandal: K'taka ADGP transferred

The PSI (police sub-inspector) recruitment scandal in Karnataka has taken a serious turn with the state government transferring ADGP, Recruitment, Amrit Paul on Wednesday.

The transfer by the BJP government, at a time when CID sleuths have intensified investigations of the scandal which has exposed rampant corruption prevailing in the recruitment process of PSIs, has raised many questions.

The government has deputed another senior IPS officer R Hitendra as ADGP, Recruitment.

According to sources, CID sleuths have been preparing to quiz Superintendents and Supervisors of ex-

CID sleuths inspected office of ADGP, Recruitment. They are still on a hunt for Divya Hagaragi, dubbed the 'kingpin' of the scandal

amination centres and ACP ranked officers who were deputed for security during exams. Sources also said that CID sleuths had conducted an inspection of the office of the ADGP, Recruitment.

Meanwhile, CID sleuths are still hunting for BJP leader from Kalaburagi Divya Hagaragi, who is dubbed the kingpin of the scandal. A local court had issued the arrest warrant

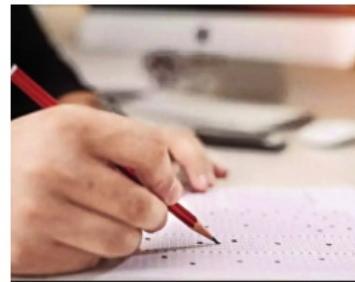
against 6 persons including Hagaragi. The court had warned that if the accused do not surrender to the investigating authorities within a week, their properties will be seized.

Sources in the Police Department noted that such an order is passed on rare occasions, as similar orders were earlier passed against don Dawood Ibrahim and his associates.

The police have arrested 16 persons in connection with the scandal so far including both BJP and Congress leaders.

Slugfest

Ruling BJP suffered a setback after the photographs of accused Hagaragi with Home Minister Araga Jnanen-



Discrepancy in filled out OMR sheets and marks emerged

dra surfaced on social media.

However, the party heaved a sigh of relief after her photographs with state Congress chief DK Shivakumar also came out.

The examinations for 545 posts of PSIs were held in October last year. As many as 54,041 candidates appeared for exams. The results were announced this January.

Later, the allegations surfaced that candidates who gave a very poor performance in descriptive writing got maximum marks in Paper 2. However, the Police Department and the Home Minister denied any irregularities in the exams.

Congress MLA Priyank Kharge had alleged that more than 300 of the 545 candidates had paid Rs 70 to 80 lakh bribe to officials and ministers to become PSIs. Ruling BJP has challenged him to produce evidence before CID. **IAN**

No smoke without fire

For a while it seemed authorities had cracked down on garbage burning near apartment complexes. But that was not to be

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For hundreds of residents of various apartment complexes located on Silver County Road in South Bengaluru, the issue of indiscriminate and unmindful burning of garbage in the area seems to be never-ending. The apartment dwellers, a couple of months back, complained of allergies and breathing issues due to big piles of garbage that were being set on fire in the area.

After it was publicised and brought to the notice of BBMP authorities, things appeared to be moving in the right direction for a while. However, residents say, the situation went downhill since then.

"Garbage is still being dumped and set on fire on a regular basis. No concrete measures have been taken in the last couple of months and we continue to suffer. Whenever there is a big fire that burns for a few hours, we complain and marshals come and douse it. However, no action has been visible on ground," said Dheeraj Agarwal, a resident.

The garbage piles are being set on fire on vacant land located near Kudlu Dodda Kere Lake. The plot has many apartment complexes in the vicinity.

After the issue was brought up by the residents last time, author-



Night or day, residents of apartment complexes on Silver County Road have to put up with garbage being burnt at an empty plot near their homes and BBMP does not have a lasting solution for them



ities swung into action and seized a couple of vehicles and imposed fines. Residents say that patrolling of the area was also increased and the effects were visible. However, now matters are back to square one.

"Fire incidents went down for some time while the authorities were on their toes; only to resume later. On certain days, it happens more than once. As summer is here, while the overall duration of burning appears to have gone down

due to fewer dry leaves on the ground, fires rage more often than not. There are three to four points around our complexes where the burning takes place. The biggest piles are generally made beside the lake," said another resident.

"It is an open piece of land with three-way entry, making it difficult to spot the offenders. Sometimes the piles are set on fire during the night. We used to catch the offenders using the bills and receipts that we could filter out from the garbage. However, the offenders now immediately set it on fire," said Shankar KS, citizen representative from an apartment complex on Silver County Road.

According to the residents, the land has to be secured using physical barricades as a permanent solution.

"There is a connecting road to a nearby village that should be blocked. BBMP can think along the lines of putting up a barricade and having it under surveillance. But this will require special permission as it is a public thoroughfare," added Shankar.

Allergy season

The plume of smoke originating from garbage piles every day is causing allergies and breathlessness to many. "It has become a common sight to see garbage accumulated on the ground and set on fire early in the morning. It is causing allergic reactions among children. My son has breathing issues and we are left with no other option but to keep the windows locked most of the time during summer," said a resident.

Electrocuted on footpath: 'No one will be spared'

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday reacted to the death of a man due to electrocution on a footpath in Bengaluru, saying that all departments and officers concerned would be dealt with sternly, and "no one will be spared".

Bommai also said that the victim will be given compensation as per the norms of the electricity department.

Addressing the media here, the Chief Minister said, "I've asked police officers to probe the matter and will take action against the concerned officers...Be it Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (BESCOM) or Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP), no one will be spared."

"We'll give compensation as per the electricity department norms," he added.

As per the Sanjaynagar Police Station, a 27-year-old person, named Kishore, died due to an electric shock caused by a broken electric wire in a park, near Sanjaynagar on Monday night.

A case in the matter has been registered, and an investigation has been initiated, they added. The brother of the deceased said that Kishore had fallen upon the cable and died of electrocution right after.

"I used to come here with my brother. We finished our work and we were going back, there was a cable lying on the road, my brother fell down and right after that, he was electrocuted. We took him to a nearby hospital, but he died before reaching," said Ankit, brother of Kishore. **ANI**



Fuel tax cut? Let's see about that

Bommai says decision to be taken keeping state's economy in mind



People queue up to get fuel at a petrol station in the city

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday was non-committal on any further cut in fuel tax, as he maintained that any decision in this regard will be taken after looking at the economy of the state.

He said this as Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday flagging higher fuel prices in many opposition-ruled states, urged them to reduce VAT in "national interest" to benefit the common man and work in the spirit of cooperative federalism in this time of global crisis.

"He (PM) gave an example. In November when the central government reduced excise duty, some states too reduced, it has benefited the people of the state and it is cooperative federalism."

“ He (PM) gave an example. In November when the central government reduced excise duty, some states too reduced, it has benefited the people of the state and it is cooperative federalism —Basavaraj Bommai, CM

He said it will help if other states reduce tax as well, so that neighbouring states are not affected," Bommai told reporters in response to a question.

Asked whether there will be any more cut in fuel tax, with prices increasing, the Chief Minister said, "Let's see. We must see our economy also. Based on that, we will decide."

At his interaction with chief ministers of various states, on the emerging covid-19 situation in the country via video conferencing, Modi raised the issue of

many states not adhering to the Centre's call for reducing the Value Added Tax (VAT) on petrol and diesel after his government slashed excise duties on fuel in November last year, and called it "injustice" to people living there and also harmful for neighbouring states.

In his remarks, Modi cited the example of Karnataka and Gujarat, both ruled by the BJP, saying they have suffered revenue loss of nearly Rs 5,000 crore and Rs 3,500-4,000 crore respectively by reducing VAT, but they

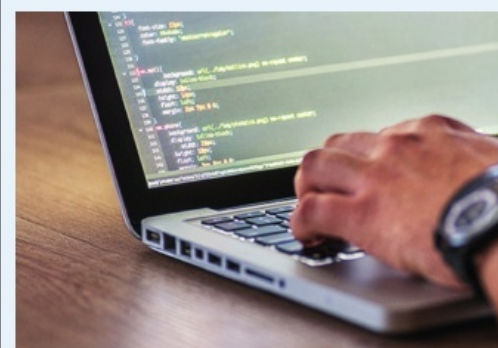
did so to help people. Their neighbouring states did not, he added.

States like Maharashtra, West Bengal, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala — all ruled by different opposition parties — have not reduced VAT for some reasons, and prices there are higher than other states, the Prime Minister said.

In November 2021, the Karnataka government had cut sales tax on petrol from 35 per cent to 25.9 per cent and on diesel from 24 per cent to 14.34 per cent, which resulted in petrol price reducing by Rs 13.30 per litre and diesel by Rs 19.47 per litre. Currently, a litre of petrol in Bengaluru costs Rs 111.09 and diesel at Rs 94.79.

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Unease over rejig delay?

With the much awaited expansion or reshuffle of Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai-led cabinet in Karnataka taking time, voices of discontent seem to be brewing within the BJP, with party MLA M P Renukacharya on Wednesday openly expressing displeasure about the delay and working of a few ministers.

The MLA, who is also the Chief Minister's political secretary, said several party legislators are of similar opinion and felt that if new faces are inducted into the cabinet, they would work aggressively and bring good name to BJP and the government ahead of 2023 assembly polls.

"I would not like to speak on cabinet exercise, as it is left to the discretion of the Chief Minister, who after discussion with national leadership has to take a decision, but expectations of the legislators was that the vacant berths must be filled as many ministers are holding additional portfolios," Renukacharya said.

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Call of wild Karnataka

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world's tiger population. The general public is largely unaware of the state's rich biodiversity. Here is a busy crowded junction next to one of India's largest technology parks, on the way to the airport, that serves as a bus stop, cab pickup point and extremely high footfall area that is seen, visited and used by tens of thousands of citizens daily. The intent of creating such a pride-evoking themed space at this location is to bring such an experience into the heart of the urban jungle," said volunteers from The Ugly Indian, part of the project.

The new section has sculptures of bison alongside landscapes. Paver blocks, kerb stones, grills and old bicycle rims have been 'recycled' from other parts of Bengaluru where roads were white-topped or repaved. Materials from footpaths on

Cubbon Road, Palace Road and Vijayanagar have been recycled and reused here, to reduce the carbon footprint of this project, and keep tons of materials away from landfills or lakes.

"The place is open and people can just walk under the flyover. Usually if something new is created, it is fenced. Many people asked us not to implement this as people would spoil it. But we took it as a challenge and created and beautified the place. It's been three years, and nothing has been spoiled, which is a victory for us. There are plenty more flyovers and we would recreate more such places," said a member of The Ugly Indian.

This apart, minimal landscaping is done to reduce use of water, a scarce resource, for maintenance. However, a high-quality ambience has been created, the kind of which is rarely seen in a public space, including the use of packing wood for the walls.

Music lessons in central prison

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Before he committed the crime, Chandrashekar had an illustrious musical career. He has even played the Veena at a recital as part of a SAARC Summit. Now he has been offering prayers and morning hymns at the jail ever since his conviction.

According to Chandrashekar, some of his students are multi-talented — they have learnt to play at least three instruments. His 'first circle of music' include 20-year-old Rohith who can play keyboard and guitar, 19-year-old Diwakar, who plays keyboard, guitar and djembe, 20-year-old Wahid who plays keyboard, guitar and tabla, Imran (20) who plays keyboard, guitar, mridangam and flute, Pradeep (20) who plays keyboard, guitar and other percussion instruments.

The jail music band has been a part of every special occasion at the prison be it Independence Day, Kannada Rajyotsava, Republic Day, Gandhi Jayanthi or Ambedkar Jayanthi. The prison band has performed before at

The jail music band that has become quite popular focuses mostly on national and state anthems and famous patriotic songs

least seven state home ministers who were much appreciative.

"At present, there are around 30 dedicated students who have already learnt more than two instruments and are teaching others who have enrolled for lessons," Chandrashekar told BM.

The jail music band's primary focus lies in national and state anthems and popular patriotic songs. "Our band members perform the National Anthem, Saare Jahan Se Achcha, Aye Mere Watan Ke Logon, Jai Bharatha Jananiya Thanujathe, Hachevu Kannadadha Deepa, Jogadha Siri Belakinalli and Gandhiji's favorite hymns Vaishnava Janotho, Raghupathi Raghava Rajaram and other similar renditions.

Some of the popular regional songs that the jail music band plays are

Huttidere, Kannada Nadalli Hutta Beku, Jayninne Holeyoy, including famous numbers of Dr Rajkumar and the late actor Puneeth Rajkumar.

"The music band at the central prison has become so popular now that new prisoners who are enrolling into music are now practising 'karaoke' and are singing numbers that most inmates can emotionally connect with. Most of these songs are old melodies as they are not interested in the latest peppy and funky numbers," Ranganath, chief jail superintendent said.

Senior jail police officials including DGP Prisons and other department officials are extending their support and suggesting new measures to further improve the prison band's efforts.

"Around 90% of the students don't know how to read or write, but they pick up on musical notes just by hearing them is a great experience. Almost all of my students at the prison don't even know how to read or write music notes, but they hit almost all the notes I ask them to imitate as mine," Chandrashekar told BM.



Living in? Be money smart

Ensure that a break-up does not force you to start afresh financially

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As more and more youngsters experiment with live-in relationships to gauge the ups and downs of co-habitation, they often overlook the financial aspect of living together. Ignoring it can not only cause rifts, but in case of

a breakdown, render the partners worse off financially. Since most institutions recognise only married couples and blood relatives for legal transactions, it can become a financial nightmare for either of the partners. To ensure that a break-up does not force you to start afresh financially, here are some points to keep in mind when you decide to live-in.

Do not pool resources

Even among married couples, it is not a good idea to merge finances for some time after the wedding. For live-in partners, this is more true because of the open-ended nature of relationship. So, instead of a joint bank account, it is better to have separate accounts. For household expenses, split and assign responsibility for payments

in accordance with the salaries. If the responsibilities are not fixed at the start of the relationship, it can cause resentment as one partner may end up paying more than the other.

Do not make investments or buy assets jointly

If you plan to buy a house, you may not be able to get a joint home loan because the banks offer it only to spouses and specific blood relations. You could come to an agreement where one partner takes the loan, and the other contributes to the loan EMI, and both have joint ownership, but in such a case, it is important to draw up legal documents defining the arrangement clearly. As for other investments, it is best to do

so As for other investments, it is best to do so separately, whether it's building a debt equity portfolio or linking these to goals. Even if you have a child and are saving for his goals, do so individually, though you may pool in the resources later.

Secure your risks separately

Buy adequate health insurance separately as you may not be able to get a family floater plan. Each partner should have Rs 5-7 lakh worth of health insurance, and if you have the resources, increase it to Rs 10 lakh. Buying life insurance can be a problem as insurers recognise only spouses and blood relatives as nominees, but if you have a child, he can be made a beneficiary. However, if both the partners are earning sufficiently, there may not be any need to buy life insurance at all. If you have liabilities like a home loan, buy insurance linked to the loan.

Plan your own retirement

While you may decide to get married and stay together in retirement, it is also a possibility that you may not. So, start saving for your own retirement assuming that you will be alone and calculate the expenses and life span accordingly.

Inheritance, nomination

Most financial and other institutions do not recognise live-in partners when it comes to nominations. Also, if you die intestate, your partner will not have the same inheritance rights as a married partner, even though court rulings have accorded some rights to live-in partners if they have been staying together for a long time. In such cases, you could draw up a will, specifically mentioning which assets you want to leave for your partner, and if you change your mind, the will can be altered at a later date.

— ETOnline

MIND, BODY & HEART



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm worried about my husband, who's in his early 40s, and seems to be having some kind of midlife crisis. He hates his job with a passion, complains about it constantly, but never actually does anything about it. He seems to actively avoid tackling it. At the same time, he keeps coming up with all these crazy ideas, which he gets really excited about and then loses interest really quickly. A few examples include, renting land to grow his own veg (he never went back after his first crop died), selling his car and buying a motorbike, which he just looks at and never rides. He's driving me nuts - any ideas?

COLEEN SAYS

He's looking to find a passion, trying everything and not finding anything. I guess this is common when you're in your teens and 20s, as you're hoping to find out what you want to do in life. But, on the plus side, at least he's still trying - he hasn't given up, which I admire because I'm a firm believer that it's never too late to find a great passion. So instead of making him feel useless, why not get more involved and see if there's something you can enjoy together? When it comes to work, you could also help to boost his confidence. Encourage him to talk about it constructively and to share his ideas on what it is he might like to do instead of dismissing him for moaning. Sometimes just a change can make a difference, even if it's not his dream job. Life is too short to be stuck doing something you hate.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror



MIRRORLIGHTS

Why new-age moms getting cranky

A new parent understands how their sleeping schedule is disrupted by the arrival of their newborn. For a new parent, the struggle to get enough sleep is very real. Frequent feedings, 3 am diaper changes, and running after the newborn all night make sound sleep nearly impossible. The clock adventure is a newborn. According to a recent National Sleep Foundation survey, nearly 76 per cent of parents have frequent sleep problems.

Taking care of oneself after the arrival of a newborn can be extremely difficult. New mothers get four hours of sleep on average per night during the first year of their baby's life, which is less than the recommended eight hours. Sleep deprivation can have an emotional impact on the mother and make her irritable. The change in sleeping habits has a significant impact on mothers' daily functioning.

On the occasion of International Mother's Day, celebrated on May 8, Beddy by Century Mattress, a brand for baby and child mattresses dedicated to supporting the growing needs of infants and children, conducted a survey with the leading moms' community, Momspresso, to learn about the changes in new moms' sleeping patterns and the impact it has on their daily lives.

The poll was carried out in four major cities: Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Hyderabad.

The survey's intended audience was working mothers and housewives with children aged 0 to 5 years.

According to the findings, 64 per cent of new mothers are sleep deprived, meaning they get less than the recommended amount of sleep.

91 per cent of moms agreed that having a separate mattress



for their baby can help them sleep better. Bengaluru mothers were discovered to be the most sleep deprived following the birth of their newborn.

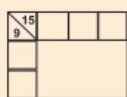
Thirty-one percent of mothers in Mumbai and Hyderabad report being unable to perform their daily duties due to a lack of sleep.

— IANS

Seven years ago Joan was one-half the age she will be in eighteen years from now. How old is she now?

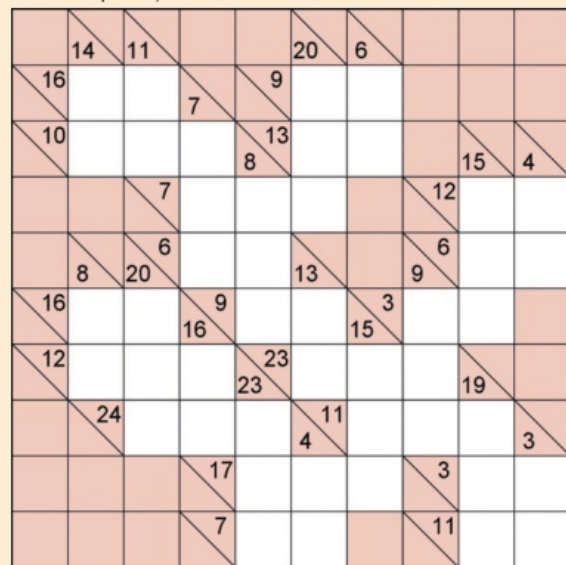
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas

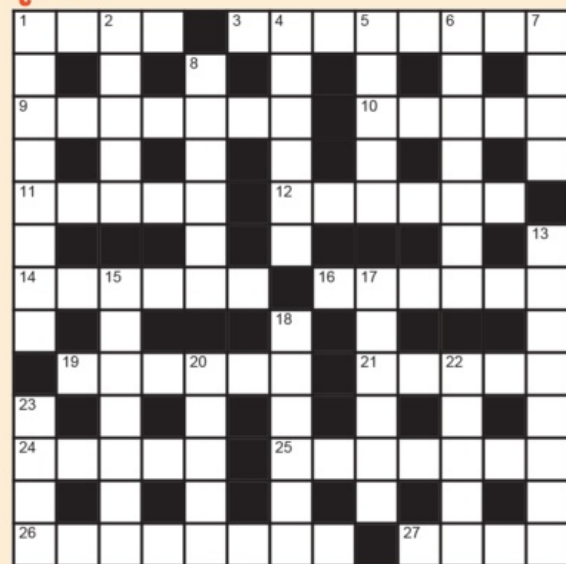


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



Quick



ACROSS

- 1 Floor coverings (4)
- 3 John, Jude, Paul, Judas and Peter? (8)
- 9 Pasta squares (7)
- 10 Seductresses (5)
- 11 Relating to the nose (5)
- 12 High period (6)
- 14 Scraps or bits (6)
- 16 Soak up (6)
- 19 Liken to (6)
- 21 Bangalore is divided into 198 (5)
- 24 Supply meagrely (5)
- 25 Former academics (7)
- 26 Model or standard to follow (8)
- 27 Very much stirred up (4)

DOWN

- 1 Infrequency or singularity (8)
- 2 Contributes (5)
- 4 Distressing situation (6)
- 5 Royal house of Italy (5)
- 6 Back pain (7)
- 7 Frame (4)
- 8 Converted water to steam (6)
- 13 Humiliating (8)
- 15 Funeral service (7)
- 17 Batted and fielded in short, played cricket? (6)
- 18 Turn down (6)
- 20 Horrify or stun (5)
- 22 Feeling remorse for (5)
- 23 Call to attract attention (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: X EQUALS G
JYKKCSP CK HPHTXF. RHHO
VQH JSAHT VQYV ISWHK RTSW
RSINKCPX SP AQYV HEICVHK
FSN.



Linemaro

Your sense of humour is awesome



Mindchow

Praise for past triumphs is like feathers to a dead bird



Joke of the day

Wife: You hate my relatives!
Man: No, in fact, I like your mother-in-law more than I like mine

Loop

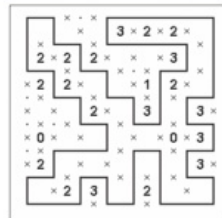
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

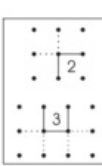
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) - Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

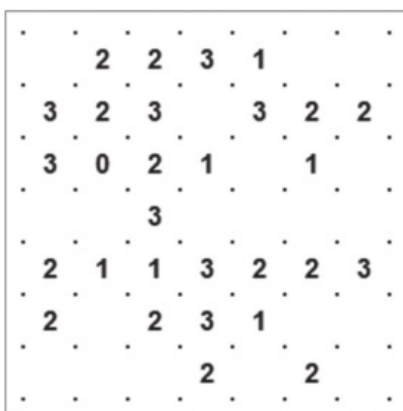
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



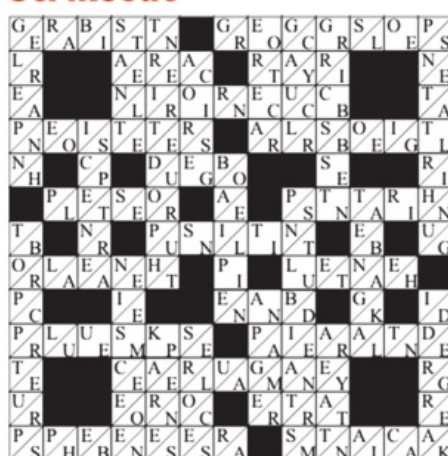
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

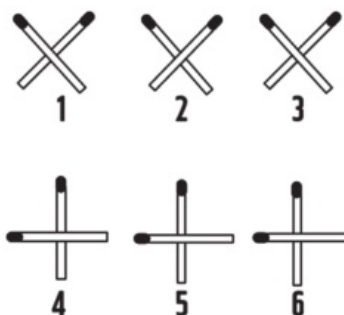
- 1 All do; 6 V Lara;
- 7 Ringo; 8 Genoa;
- 9 Slope

DOWN

- 1 A gall; 2 Or gal;
- 3 Do Pro; 4 Envoy;
- 5 Elans

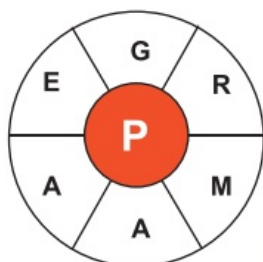
Mensapuzzle

Which cross does not conform with the others?



Bull's eye

How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.



10 Average; 11 Good; 13 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge



To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy

3 4 7 8 = 8

Medium

1 3 5 5 = 11

Hard

3 7 7 5 = 2

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is smaller. 2. Ladder is moved. 3. Hair is different. 4. Windowpanes are different. 5. Lampshade is different. 6. Curtain is shorter.

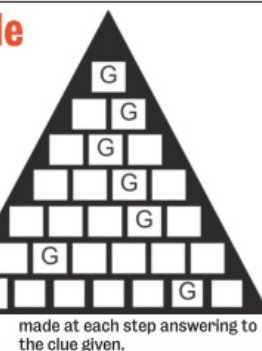
Riddler

My first is a number, my second another, And each, I assure you, will rhyme with the other. My first you will find is one-fifth of my second, And truly my whole, a long period reckoned. Yet my first and my second (nay, think not I cozen), When added together, will make but two dozen. How many am I?

Alpha triangle

- 1 Seventh letter
- 2 For example, abbr.
- 3 Show growth
- 4 Aromatic plant
- 5 Theatre
- 6 Marbles
- 7 Loss by decay

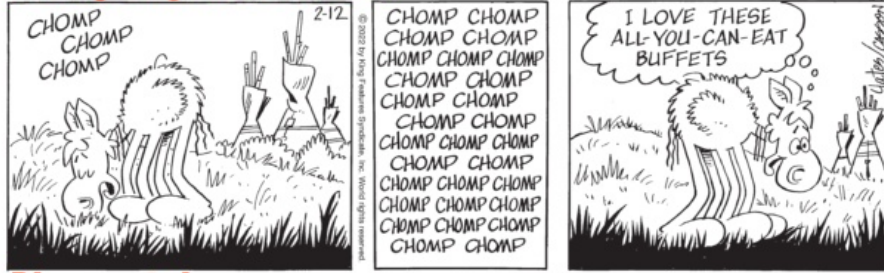
Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be



made at each step answering to the clue given.

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson



Bizarrotrip



Diamond Lil



Hart of the city



Crankshaft



Mutts



WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Today, the moon may not be in your favour. You may feel unhappy and become impatient today. You may find difficult to perform your task and not able to fulfil your desire. You want to be detached from the given responsibility. You may not be able to complete any task.



Leo Jul 24 - Aug 23

Today, you may feel nervous. You may have a lack of patience; for seeking peace, you may be attracted to occult. It is advised to follow your intuition before going ahead. You may also get in-depth knowledge on a subject or you may have a good focus towards your research. Chanting mantra may help you in this situation.



Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 22

Today, you may plan to relocate. It is advised to postpone the decision. It is also advised to avoid investment in business. By late evening, tough situations may be under control. With the help of good advice from an elder, you may control the messy situation.



Taurus Apr 21 - May 20

Today, you are blessed by the moon. Work-related pressure may resolve. Your earnings may convert into profits now. You are likely to invest for a long-term period. You may get an overseas work order, which may give you financial benefits in the coming future. You may find your soulmate. Students may hear good news in their academics.



Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Today, you are blessed by the moon, which may help you to improve your inner strength. You are likely to get some new opportunities for your business and work, which will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. Couples may hear good news in terms of childbirth. Love birds are advised to be clear in their opinion with each other to make their future bright.



Capricorn Dec 23 - Jan 20

Today, you may have good patience. Meditation may help you to increase concentration, which will speed up your project. Your subordinates may cooperate with you; it may help you to complete the project before time. You may go on a short work-related trip. You may meet an influential person, who may help you to boost your business.



Gemini May 21 - Jun 21

Today, you are blessed by the moon; you may perform well in the professional front. You may implement your business plans very easily with the help of your colleagues. Intellectual investments and financial investments may start giving profits now, which may increase your confidence level. You may use your wisdom to gain benefits.



Libra Sep 24 - Oct 22

Today, you are blessed by the moon. Things are now under control. Your performance may be praised by your seniors and you may expect promotions. You're likely to recover the money that was stuck. This may help in an increase in liquidity in the business. There may be some good news in terms of legal matters. In partnerships, many issues are likely to be resolved.



Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

Today, you may spend money on some creative items or artefacts to renovate your house, which may increase your social status. You may implement some new plans into your family business; it will pay you in terms of gains in the near future. You may also be busy in family or social get-togethers.



Cancer Jun 22 - July 23

Today, you are blessed by the moon. Your spiritual power may make you happy. Your way of thinking may be positive. You are inclined to spirituality today. You may plan to visit some religious place. You may also take interest in occult science. You are likely to observe flawlessness in your nature. Try to discuss the views with people who may understand your feelings.



Scorpio Oct 23 - Nov 22

Today, you may hear good news in terms of job. Job seekers may stay focused to crack entrance exams with the help of hard work. Singles may hear good news in terms of marriage. Couples may hear some good news in terms of childbirth.

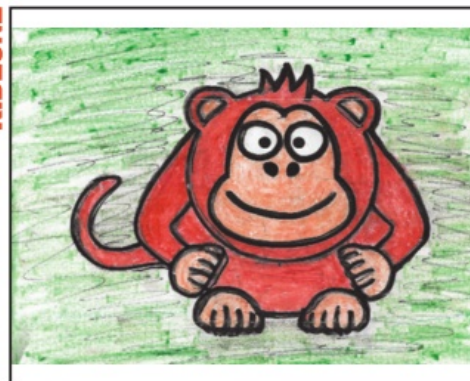


Pisces Feb 20 - Mar 20

Today is a good day for you. You may have good vitality and health. You may enjoy your work. You should avoid being straightforward. It is advised to avoid arguments on worthless topics, otherwise there may be some disputes in the family. Job seekers may find a suitable job. Love birds are advised to avoid arguing on worthless topics.



KIDZONE



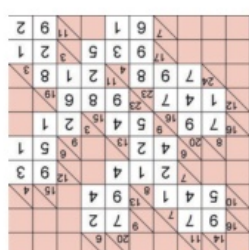
Vijay, 11 Years, Excellent English School



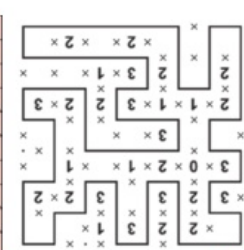
Sahana Raja, 7 Years, New Horizon Gurukul

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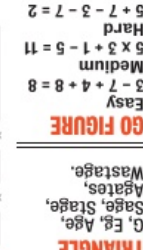
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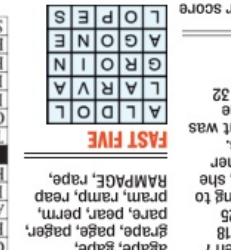
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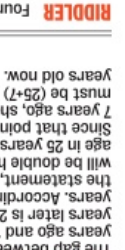
QUICK



STRIKE OUT



BULL'S EYE



RIDDLER

Fashionista speaks

Malaika spills the beans on her personal sense of styling

Malaika Arora rocked the ramp at a fashion show in Pune recently. ETimes caught her there and had an exclusive chat on her personal sense of styling and much more.

The actor who was last seen as a judge on one of the dance reality shows, India's Best Dancer says that her style statement is very different from what she is seen sporting on runways. "I am mostly in jeans or athleisure because that's the kind of person I am. But whenever I am walking the ramp, I end up getting dressed in ethnic wear like adorned lehengas and sarees," she exclaimed.

However, we love the way she carries herself in blazer dresses and tailored trousers, and crisp shirts. "I love women in suits and all kinds of power dresses. It looks so cool," she added. She also mentioned her label where she works on power dresses and other outfits, especially for working women, and how they can help in transforming the look from office to a party or dinner with friends. "It feels nice to see the kind of transitions that we have managed to create," she added. Kareena Kapoor is her most fashionable friend, Malaika says.

"Bebo is effortless and carries herself so well. I think that is what counts," she said.

Speaking about the transition of the sense of style over the years she says: "People have become more aware of their sense of style. When I was young, there weren't many people to groom us on how to dress up. I experimented a lot with my looks and some of those were terrible. But now I know what all works."

She also said that women tend to be more experimental in terms of fashion when they are young, but now they have exposure to social media where they learn what looks good and what does not, which she too has learned over the years.

Talking about her social media posts on clean eating, cleaner skin, and fitness, Malaika said: "People had time and I wanted to share with them how my daily routine had been. But I am not sure if people are still ready to let go of the façade of filters and accept the way we really are."

—Dharitri Ganguly, ETimes



Love of language: Sudeep, Ajay Devgn get talking



Actors Kiccha Sudeep and Ajay Devgn had a quick chat on Twitter on Wednesday. It all started with Devgn tweeting to Sudeep, asking him why he was releasing movies in his mother tongue by dubbing them in Hindi, if Hindi was not our national language.

Sudeep responded: "Hello Ajay Devgn sir. The context to why I said that line is entirely different to the way I guess it has reached you. Probably, will emphasis(e) on why the statement was made when I see you in person. It wasn't to hurt, provoke or to start any debate. Why would I sir? I love and respect every language of our country sir. I would want this

topic to rest, as I said the line in a totally different context.." he said. And sir Ajay Devgn, I did understand the text you sent in Hindi. That's only because we all have respected, loved and learnt Hindi. No offense sir, but was wondering what the situation would be if my response was typed in Kannada!! Don't we too belong to India sir (?)"

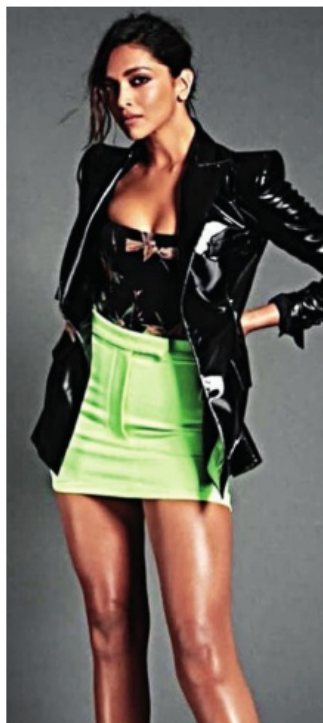
Ajay Devgn responded by saying, "Hi Kiccha Sudeep, You are a friend. Thanks for clearing up the misunderstanding. I've always thought of the film industry as one. We respect all languages and we expect everyone to respect our language as well. Perhaps, something was lost in translation." —IANS

Deepika in Festival De Cannes jury

Bollywood star Deepika Padukone will be a part of the eight-member jury for the 75th edition of Festival De Cannes. The festival announced on Wednesday that the Indian superstar will assess the international competition as a part of the jury, which will be presided by French actor Vincent Lindon.

Other names to join Deepika on the jury include Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi, Swedish actress Noomi Rapace, actress screenwriter producer Rebecca Hall, Italian actress Jasmine Trinca, French director Ladj Ly, American director Jeff Nichols and director Joachim Trier from Norway. In a statement to the press, Cannes described the actress, "Indian Actress, producer, philanthropist, and entrepreneur Deepika Padukone, is a huge star in her country, actor, producer, philanthropist, and entrepreneur from India. With over 30 feature films to her credit, she made her English language film debut as the female lead in 'XXx: The Return of Xander Cage', co-starring with Vin Diesel."

"She is also the principal of Ka Productions, the production company behind 'Chhapaak' and '83', in which she also starred, as well as the upcoming film 'The Intern'. Credits include 'Gehraiyaan' and 'Padmaavat', as well as the award-winning and critically acclaimed



film 'Piku'.

"In 2015, she set up The Live Love Laugh Foundation, whose programs and initiatives aim to destigmatize mental illness and raise awareness about the importance of mental health," the statement further read. —IANS

No stopping 'Doctor Strange'

Benedict Cumberbatch-starrer "Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness" has collected over Rs 10 cr in pre-sale booking in India, according to leading distributors.

"Doctor Strange in the Multiverse of Madness", the second part to Marvel Studios 2016 film "Doctor Strange", is slated to be released in theatres across the country in English, Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada and Malayalam on May 6.

Kamal Gianchandani, CEO - PVR Pictures, said Marvel films have always created magic at the Indian box office and a month advance opening has been a strategic move from the studio.

"There has been a massive response to the advance booking and with the increasing demand from the fans, we are expecting all the shows across India to go house full very soon," Gianchandani said in a statement. —PTI



Welcome, Yuvarajkumar

Yuvarajkumar, grandson of Kannada film legend, late Rajkumar, and nephew of late star Puneeth Rajkumar, is making a grand debut in the Kannada film industry.

'KGF: Chapter 2' production house Homble Films has made an announcement on Wednesday and released the first look of the actor which is loved by audiences.

Yuvarajkumar is the son of Kannada veteran actor Raghavendra Rajkumar.

Yuvarajkumar has prepared well for his launch and he had caught the attention after the release of the teaser of 'Yuva Ranadheera Kanteerava' in November, 2020. The project is yet to take off.

The director of super hit movies 'Rajakumara' and 'Yuvaratna' Santhosh Anand Ram is directing the movie.

Yuvarajkumar's aunt Ashwini Puneeth Rajkumar stated, "Wishing you all the success that you richly deserve. The legacy continues". —IANS